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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS.

To the Deaf Mutes of New-England and all who may feel an interest in their welfare :

Before presenting to your eyes or inspection, the proceedings of the Committee of a new Society, we wish to call your attention to the circumstances which led to the attempted formation of that Society.

The Mutes of New England and other States, in many cases, live where they have not ready access to the company of other individuals of the same class. The consequence is that they are apt, after graduating at one or other of some Institutions for their instruction, to lose a part of what they have learned, or at any rate, they are, in a general sense, incapable of improvement.

An evil here exists, both in a temporal and spiritual views. It is the object of the proposed Society to remedy this evil as far as possible, and, to ameliorate the condition of the Deaf Mute community, by appointing times and places, at such stated intervals as may be deemed expedient, at which the mutes, to whom previous notice will be given, may assemble for the purpose of promoting mutual improvement, by the delivery of addresses and orations, and by the employment of such other means as may present themselves. It may be desirable to issue one or more publications, to be devoted to the interest of the class for whose benefit the Society is formed. We hope, by making a judicious use of the means within our reach, and by energy, perseverance and honesty, to be able to accomplish the objects of the Society, and to make it the means, by the blessing of God, of elevating the condition of those who are now in the situation described, and, not only to be devoted to ourselves, but to pantomimic generations after us.

PROCEEDINGS

Of the Constitutional Committee, who met at Henniker, N. H., Jan. 4, 1854, for the purpose of drafting a Constitution for, and transact other business relating to, a Proposed Society of Deaf Mutes.

In accordance with the notice given by their Chairman, Mr. Thomas Brown, the members of the Committee, (one from each of the New England States, Rhode Island excepted,) that were appointed by the Convention of Deaf Mutes, at Montpelier, Vt., Feb. 24, 1853, met at his house, in Henniker, N. H., on Wednesday, January 4, 1854.

MORNING SESSION.

At precisely 10 o'clock, the meeting was called to order by the Chairman, and on motion, it was resolved "that the Chairman be requested to call upon one of the Committee to open the deliberations of this meeting with prayer to the Almighty God, for his blessings." In accordance with this resolution, the Chairman called upon Mr. Jonathan P. Marsh, who gave a short exposition of Timothy 3 : 16, and offered a fervent prayer.

The Chairman then delivered the following address :

"Gentlemen of the Committee, this day you have come here to meet with me as Committee, appointed at the Mute Convention in Montpelier, Vt., Feb. 24, 1853, for the purpose of establishing a Society, and framing its Constitution, in order to promote the education, and temporal and spiritual happiness of our Mute Community.

Now, I am happy to see you here, showing your fraternal zeal by joining me, as your foreman, in striving to realize the object of a long desired Society, not only to be devoted to ourselves, but also to pantomimic generations after us. For this purpose let us be true to our agency and intentions, be wise in our counsels, and judicious in our decisions, and, after the Society is framed, be discreet and firm in its defence.

A new Society may meet with difficulties, obstructions and discouragement; but by good courage, perseverance and honesty, it will get a rich crown of success and prosperity, conquering unseen evils.

Our discussions should be moderate and free, on friendly terms, and not too obstinate. Our Committee should not be disheartened by any probable appearance of threat, or ill-assurance, but be bold and gentle, so as to fraternize the disposition of the selfish. "Violence ever defeats its own ends." "When we cannot drive, we can always persuade. A mild sign or word, a kind look, or a good natured smile can work wonders, and accomplish many useful purposes, thus driving away selfishness and self-confidence.

The articles of the Constitution should be formed in such a short and simple manner as to go easy at the first start. After a few years' trial, rules or by-laws may be added as it is deemed expedient. Our Committee will appoint such temporary officers as will sustain the concerns of the Society under our direction, until permanent officers are chosen, by ballot, at the contemplated meeting of said Society.

This Society may need an energetic, trusty and popular agent, to forward its objects, rendering him good encouragement, by providing to bear his expenses. In my opinion, a biennial meeting of the Society any time after the middle of August, or sometime in September, will be the most convenient for all parties. My reason for not consenting to defer the fixed day for this meeting, was, a very pertinent consideration of the expediency of setting the example to future Societies."

The Chairman then made some appropriate remarks regarding the object for which the meeting had been called, and having called the roll of the Committee, he reported the following list:

THOMAS BROWN, *Henniker, N. H.*

JONATHAN A. MARSH, *Roxbury, Mass.*

SAMUEL A. LEWIS, *Willimantic, Conn.*

GEO. MARSHALL LUCAS, *Bradford, Vt.*

Mr. HIRAM P. HUNT, of Gray, Me., had been nominated as Committee from that State, but declining, the nomination was transferred to Thomas J. Chamberlain, of Bangor, Me., but he failing to be present, in accordance with the notice given by the Chairman, Mr. Brown moved that WILLIAM M. CHAMBERLAIN, of South Reading, Mass., be invited to fill the vacancy. The motion was carried, and Mr. Chamberlain took his seat with the following rule to be observed by him, "He is to act in the name of the Mutes of Maine, and to retain the seat until otherwise ordered."

Mr. Chamberlain moved that some rules be made, to be observed in Convention, stating that it would be of great use. After some discussion the motion was laid on the table, it being argued that the Chairman was already empowered to keep the meeting in order.

Mr. Marsh considered a Secretary to be necessary, and moved, that, as it would be a matter of inconvenience for any one of the Committee to hold the office, Mr. William B. Swett, be appointed a temporary Secretary. The motion was adopted, and the meeting adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman. The whole of the session was spent in discussing articles of a drafted Constitution, which the Chairman had offered to the Committee for their consideration. Mr. Marsh arose and stated that, as time pressed, he thought best to have a session in the evening. On motion of Mr. Lucas, it was adopted. Adjourned to 7 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

The discussion on Constitutional articles was resumed and continued through the session. Adjourned to meet at 9 1-2 o'clock, A. M., on the following day.

SECOND DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

The meeting reassembled at half past nine. Exposition of Scripture and prayer by the Mr. S. A. Lewis, 1 Thess. 5: 15-16.

The minutes of the previous day were read and approved. Mr. Marsh arose and enjoined coolness and deliberation, and a dependence on Almighty God for all the good the Committee could do. Much discussion ensued on the second section of the fifth article. Several amendments were offered and rejected. An amendment was then offered by Mr. Chamberlain, which was adopted. Some discussion about the propriety or necessity of the word, "*privilege*," which was recommended by Mr. Chamberlin, to proceed the word "membership," in the third section of the sixth article. Adopted.

After a long discussion, the number of votes necessary to effect an amendment to the Constitution, was fixed at two-thirds of the members who should be present at a meeting of the Society. Article twelfth was discussed by Messrs. Marsh and Lucas.

Mr. Chamberlain was interrupted in an argument by the motion of Mr. Lucas to adjourn to 2 o'clock, P. M., which was carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Mr. Chamberlain was called upon to resume his argument, but declined, giving as his reason, that, "the occasion of it did not then exist."

Messrs. Lucas and Marsh made some remarks on the subject of a periodical, about which there was much discussion. Messrs. Chamberlain, Marsh and Lucas, imparted information in regard to printing, which was very timely.

The attention of the Committee was next turned to the selection of a title for the contemplated periodical. A goodly number were offered, but no selection was made. Mr. Swett invited the Committee to hold their evening session, next day at his house. On motion, the invitation was unanimously accepted. Adjourned to 9, A. M.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The meeting reassembled at half-past nine on Friday morning. Exposition of Scripture and prayer by Mr. Marsh, whose text was 1 Timothy 6: 7-8.

After the call to order, Mr. Marsh arose and made some pertinent remarks on "the importance as well as the appropriateness of giving '*Gallaudet's*' name to the periodical," Remarks by Messrs. Lewis, Chamberlain and Lucas, to the same effect. Mr. Brown offered the title "*Gallaudet Guide*." Mr. Chamberlain offered the addition of "Deaf Mute's Companion." Finally the title, "*GALLAUDET GUIDE AND DEAF MUTE'S COMPANION*," was adopted unanimously, which resolution was made the ninth article of the Constitution.

On motion of Mr. Brown, Mr. Chamberlain was appointed to review the Constitution, which, for the present, was laid on the table.

Mr. Marsh now introduced the subject of Introductory Remarks. He stated at some length, the points it should treat of, and other topics connected with it. After a long discussion pro and con, adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

On motion of Mr. Brown, Mr. Chamberlain was appointed to write the "Introductory Remarks." There was much discussion on a proposed addition to article twelfth. On motion of Mr. Marsh, Mr. Swett was confirmed as Secretary of the Committee until they should resign. Mr. Lucas moved that a Committee of two be appointed to give the Secretary his instructions. The Chairman appointed Messrs. Lucas and Marsh for this purpose.

The Committee then proceeded to appoint a temporary board of Managers. Charles Barrett, of Brighton, Mass., was appointed Treasurer. Adjourned to 7 o'clock, P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

Assembled at Mr. Swett's house, in accordance with the invitation which had been extended to, and accepted by, the Committee on the previous day.

GEORGE HOMER, of Boston, Mass., was appointed Manager for Massachusetts. JOHN EMERSON, of Howland, Maine, Manager for Maine. JOHN O. DAVID, of Amherst, N. H., Manager for New Hampshire. D. W. PHELPS, of Middlebury, Vt., Manager for Vermont. Mr. Lewis was empowered to appoint whom he should see fit, as

Manager for the States of Rhode Island and Connecticut. The Committee were empowered to appoint their own substitutes in case of sickness or absence from whatever cause. Mr. Chambelain was appointed to assist the Secretary in preparing a report of the proceedings for the press; said report to be printed on folded paper. On motion of Mr. Marsh, Mr. Chamberlain was appointed to draft a letter to Rev. W. W. Turner, of Hartford, Conn., respecting the affairs of the proposed Society, and asking his co-operation. Adjourned to 9 A. M., next day.

FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Prayer by Mr. Lewis. Exposition of Mathew 9 : 37-38. Remarks by Messrs. Marsh, Lucas and Chamberlain, on the necessity of doing speedily what was to be done. The Constitution was taken up and the reviewing of it consumed the session. Adjourned to 1 1-2 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reassembled at 1 1-2 o'clock. The review of the Constitution resumed and finished. The expediency of adopting it was discussed at some length, but it was finally, on motion of Mr. Lucas, again laid on the table, until Monday morning next, to which time the meeting adjourned.

FIFTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Convened at 9 o'clock, on Monday morning. Prayer and exposition of Scripture by Mr. Chamberlain, Ps. CXXI. On motion of Mr. Lucas, the Constitution was taken up for reconsideration. After a lively discussion on different topics, Mr. Marsh moved that a committee of three be chosen to alter the arrangement of the articles of the Constitution, and place them as they should see fit. The Chairman appointed Messrs. MARSH, LUCAS and CHAMBERLAIN, who left the room.

As the business could not proceed while the Committee on arrangement were absent, the meeting was adjourned to afternoon; an invitation having previously been received, and accepted, to take tea with Mr. Swett's family.

AFTERNOON AND EVENING SESSIONS.

Met at 1 1-4 o'clock. Messrs. Marsh, Lucas and Chamberlain reported a new arrangement of the Constitution, without alteration of words or phrases; which was examined, commented on, and unanimously adopted. Messrs. Brown and Chamberlain, were appointed to draft a Preamble and Resolution on the death of Mr. LEWIS WELD, late Principal of the American Asylum, at Hartford, Ct., who reported the following :

WHEREAS, An all-wise Providence has seen fit to take from the American Asylum, in the person of its Principal, one who has long been connected with it ; and who always considered us and all the other Mutes, in a great measure, as his children ; one whom all of us had long ago learned to love and respect, and one whose loss will long be felt ; therefore,

Resolved, That while we are conscious of the loss on our own part, we deeply sympathise with his family in their bereavement, and hope they will be led to see in their loss only an additional link in the chain which binds their thoughts and hopes to Heaven.

Resolved, That we present our heart-felt sympathy to the board of Directors, the Teachers, pupils and others connected with the American Asylum.

Resolved, That the present Principal of the Asylum be requested to forward a copy of the foregoing resolution to the family of the late principal and to the board of Directors.

It was ordered that the report of Proceedings, Introductory Remarks, recommendations, and Constitution be printed, and the Introductory Remarks, recommendations and Constitution printed and stitched separate for future use.

Mr. Chamberlain read drafts of a letter to Rev. W. W. TURNER, the Introductory Remarks, notices of appointments to Managers and Treasurers, and disposed of a few items pertaining to his duties. The following Resolutions were then offered and adopted :

Resolved, That thanks be given to MRS. BROWN, for her attention, promptitude and excellent board, while we have been at her house.

Resolved, That that thanks be given to our Chairman, Mr. BROWN, for his untiring zeal in transacting the business of the Society.

Resolved, That thanks be given to the Secretary of the Committee, for his services and hospitality.

Resolved, That thanks be given to ALBERT GOVE, and his partner, for their friendliness and hospitality.

The Chairman then addressed the Committee as follows :

"To the gentlemen of the constitutional Committee, Sirs: As we are about separating, I cannot refrain from giving you an appropriate address. I am happy in saying that you have, by your approved endeavors, performed the respective duties assigned you in such a meritorious and laudable manner as may be useful to the "Gallaudet Association." I thank you for the kind and fraternal feelings you have showed towards me during our session. By the guidance of Divine wisdom, I humbly hope that our ardent services may prove to be useful to the N. E. Gallaudet Association, and, that an exchange of pleasing thoughts between us may continue until mortal flesh fail us ; may success and happiness follow you always. May God bless the "N. E. Gallaudet Association," and the "Gallaudet Guide" with prosperity."

Sundry items having been disposed of, Mr. Chamberlain moved that, if there was nothing more on hand, the session be closed with prayer, and Mr. Lucas seconded the motion, and Mr. Lewis being called upon offered a fervent prayer, after which the meeting adjourned *sine die*.

Extract of a letter from Rev. W. W. TURNER, Principal of the American Asylum, Hartford, Ct.

"American Asylum, Feb. 3, 1854.

T. BROWN, Esq.,—*Dear Sir* :—I have been so much occupied with our exhibition before the Massachusetts Committee, and other Asylum business, that I could not examine your Constitution, and write you sooner. I have carefully considered the whole matter submitted to me, and I am of the opinion that *good to the Deaf and Dumb will grow out of your movement*. You must not go too fast nor attempt so much as to involve yourselves in great expense which you have not the means of paying. I think an annual meeting will be useful. You can try the experiment of printing a newspaper; perhaps you will not succeed in supporting it for more than a year, but, if it fails, you will have the satisfaction of having tried. If you do publish one, I will be a subscriber of five dollars annually, for which you may send me one copy for the year, and also a copy of your proceedings and Constitution. I wish you all success in your endeavors to improve the condition of your fellow mutes and hope you may all derive much benefit from the enterprise.

I have handed a copy of your resolutions to Mrs. Weld who feels much obliged to you; I have also showed them to the President and other Directors of the Asylum and will print them in the annals or report.

Your sincere friend,

WM. W. TURNER.

CONSTITUTION.

PREAMBLE.

We, Deaf Mutes, desirous of forming a Society in order to promote the intellectual, social, moral, temporal and spiritual welfare of our Mute community, do pledge ourselves to be governed by the following CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.,

NAME OF THE SOCIETY.

The Society shall be called "*New England Gallaudet Association, for the improvement of Deaf Mutes.*"

ARTICLE II.

ITS OBJECT.

The sole object of the Society shall be the promotion of our own improvement, by holding occasional meetings, and also by the circulation of such newspapers, periodicals or publications as shall be devoted exclusively to literature, religion, agriculture, mechanics, arts, commerce, and general news.

ARTICLE III.

GOVERNMENT.,

SECTION 1. The officers of the society shall be a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and a manager from each State in New England: these constitute a board of managers, three of whom shall be a quorum for transacting business.

SECT. 2. At the meeting of the society, the president, vice-president and a manager from each State, shall be chosen by ballot, who will continue in office until the next meeting.

ARTICLE IV.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECT. 1. It shall be the duty of the president, at the stated meetings of the board, with the advice and consent of the managers,

to appoint a secretary, treasurer, and such other officers as shall be deemed necessary to sustain the concerns of the society.

SECT. 2. The president shall call and preside in all meetings of the board and society. Whenever there is an equal division on any question, he shall give his casting vote. He shall enforce the due observance of the constitution, direct the secretary to call the meetings of the board and society, and perform such other duties as pertain to his office.

SECT. 3. The vice-president shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the president, and in case of his death or removal from New England, shall perform all his duties till another president is chosen.

SECT. 4. It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep a record of all the proceedings of the board and society, to keep a full catalogue of members and life members, to be the organ of communication with other Deaf Mutes, and hearing persons who may feel an interest in the enterprise, and to perform any other duties which the board may assign.

SECT. 5. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive all subscriptions, donations, or any property ; to keep a minute account of all the moneys he receives, and give receipts for the same ; to make a report to the society at the meeting, and to attend to any other duties which the board may direct. He is to be bound with good security in a reasonable sum to be determined by the board, to the faithful discharge of his duty, and shall pay no bills unless directed by the board.

SECT. 6. The managers shall collect funds in their respective States, and pay over the same to the treasurer, with the names, residence, age, occupation and place of birth of the donors. They shall have the general charge of the affairs of the society, and power to fill any vacancies, which may occur in their number or in the officers of the society, until the next meeting ; and in case of the absence of both president and vice-president at any meeting of the board and society, the senior manager present shall preside.

SECT. 7. The manager of each state is to be authorized to appoint mute agents in different places to solicit funds to be forwarded to said manager, who is to pay over the same to the treasurer.

ARTICLE V.

MEETINGS.

SECT. 1. The board of managers shall meet once or twice in a year, to examine statements from the secretary, treasurer, and other officers, and give counsel in regard to whatever may be required to promote the interests of the society.

SECT. 2. The society is to meet not oftener than once a year, at such time and place in New England as the board may appoint, any time between the middle of August and last of February, to elect officers, examine the reports of the board, and transact other necessary business.

ARTICLE VI.

MEMBERSHIP.

SECT. 1. Any male mute may become a member of this society by the payment of one dollar, and any female mute by paying fifty cents, per annum; and any mute person by paying ten dollars at any one time shall be a life member. Every one shall receive a certificate of membership and a copy of the constitution from some one of the managers, and be entitled to one copy for the year of such newspaper or periodical as may be published.

SECT. 2. Such as are only deaf, or have never been in any institution for Deaf Mutes, and also graduates in foreign schools, may be admitted by paying the membership fee.

SECT. 3. No deaf mute shall enjoy the privileges of membership, nor any male mute shall be entitled to vote or hold any office without paying the membership fee; always allowing them to sit in convention and witness any oration, address or lecture.

ARTICLE VII.

QUORUM.

At all meetings of the society, twelve members present shall constitute a quorum to proceed to business, and every meeting may be opened with religious service.

ARTICLE VIII.

DUTY OF MEMBERS.

It shall be the duty of every member to use all fair means to secure the desirable objects of the society.

ARTICLE IX.

SOCIETY ORGAN.

The contemplated newspaper or periodical shall be called "*The Gallaudet Guide and Deaf Mute's Companion.*"

ARTICLE X.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Any hearing person, feeling an interest in this enterprise, can take one copy or more of such newspaper or periodical as may be published by sending the subscription price to the publisher or to some one of the managers.

ARTICLE XI.

RULES OF ORDER.

No disturbance, or any thing productive of evil, shall be allowed in any meeting of the society. Any person may be excluded for improper conduct, by vote of two-thirds of the members present; always allowing him or her ample opportunity to explain.

ARTICLE XII.

AMENDMENTS.

Except the first article, the second section of the fifth article, and the ninth article, any amendment may be made in this constitution by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any meeting.

<p><i>For New Hampshire.</i> THOMAS BROWN, Henniker, N. H., <i>For Vermont,</i> GEO. M. LUCAS, Bradford, Vt., <i>For Massachusetts,</i> JONATHAN P. MARSH, Roxbury, Mass., <i>For Connecticut and Rhode Island,</i> SAMUEL A. LEWIS, Williamatic, Ct., <i>For Maine,</i> WM. M. CHAMBERLAIN, S. Reading, Ms</p>	}	<p><i>Constitutional</i> <i>Committee.</i></p>
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The constitution was adopted on the 9th of January, 1854, by the committee appointed in pursuance of a resolution of the convention at Montpelier, Vt., on the 24th of February, 1853.

All communications relating to the New England Gallaudet Association, should be addressed to GEO. M. LUCAS, *General Agent*, Bradford, Vt.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

MEETING OF DEAF MUTES,

HELD IN

BOSTON, ON THE EVENING OF MARCH 9, 1854.

At 7 o'clock, the meeting was called to order by GEO. HOMER, of Boston, who stated the object of the meeting.

On motion of AMOS SMITH, Jr., of Cambridgeport, THOMAS SHACKFORD, of Dorchester, was chosen Chairman, and WILLIAM M. CHAMBERLAIN, Secretary.

JONATHAN P. MARSH, of Roxbury came forward and stated the origin, object and prospects of the proposed society. He had hopes of good from its establishment. He believed it to be founded on true principle. On his motion, a collection was taken up to aid in printing the proposed constitution of the same, and sundry other documents.

MR. MARSH arose and adverted to the fact that the Deaf Mute Bible class had occupied the room in which the meeting was held for a year. Also, to the fact that the persons having the control of the same had refused all compensation for the use thereof. He moved that a vote of thanks be drawn up and forwarded to them, together with an inquiry concerning the occupancy of the room for the year ensuing. MR. SMITH was appointed to draw the documents.

MR. LYNDE, of Roxbury, the Secretary of the Bible class, sent in his resignation, Accepted, and MR. SMITH was chosen his successor.

MR. SMITH now arose and referred to the recent death of MR. LEWIS WELD, Principal of the American Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb, at Hartford. He spoke of the loss the Deaf Mutes had experienced; of the extent and faithfulness of his labors for their welfare, both spiritual and temporal; of his appearance when last seen by those present. Little did they think to hear of his being a tenant of the tomb so soon. He remarked that it was fitting that those present,—all of whom knew him, and were mostly under his supervision when at school,—should notice his death in an appropriate man-

ner. Although the notice taken might seem rather late, yet circumstances had prevented an earlier meeting. He read the Resolutions which he had prepared, and they were unanimously adopted. Mr. S. then moved that a committee of two be chosen to present them in person to the family of the deceased, and to the Principal of the Institution at Hartford. The motion prevailed, and Mr. Smith and Charles Barrett, of Brighton, were chosen.

The following are the Resolutions :

WHEREAS, information has been received, that LEWIS WELD, Principal of the American Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb, at Hartford, died at his residence, on the 30th ult.; and, whereas, it is fitting that this melancholy event should be appropriately noticed by the Deaf Mutes of this city, therefore,

Resolved, That the intelligence of this event is received by this meeting with sentiments of profound sorrow and regret; that we sincerely deplore this dispensation of Providence, which has deprived the Institution of the services of one of its oldest, most useful and faithful officers,—one who has devoted himself to his duties and to the cause of Deaf Mute education, with an assiduity and fidelity worthy of all praise and imitation.

Resolved, That we present to Mrs. Weld and children, our sincere and respectful condolence upon the event which has taken from them an affectionate husband and father.

Resolved, That the sympathy of this meeting is herewith respectfully tendered to the officers and pupils and others connected with the Institution in their great and irreparable loss.

Resolved, That MESSRS. SMITH, of Cambridgeport, and BARRETT, of Brighton, be a committee to communicate copies of the foregoing Preamble and Resolutions to the family of the deceased, and to the Principal of the Institution at Hartford.

The chairman called on MR. MARSH who offered a prayer, after which the meeting adjourned *sine die*.

Messrs. SMITH and BARRETT proceeded to Hartford, on the 15th of March. Presenting the Resolutions to the family of the deceased, MR. SMITH said :

“ At a meeting of the Deaf Mutes of Boston and vicinity, held in that city on the 9th inst., we were requested to communicate to you the Resolutions adopted at that meeting upon the death of MR. WELD. And we have come here to-day expressly to perform this duty. In his death the Mutes have lost one of their greatest benefactors,—one whom they were accustomed to regard almost as a father. Never will they forget him; never will his benign features fade from their memory. They will always remember his untiring and entire devotion to the cause of Deaf Mute education, and ever

cherish with gratitude his many wise counsels. They had hoped to see the Institution long increasing in usefulness under his management, and to witness for many years the extension of his well-earned reputation; and they could not suffer him to pass to the grave without paying a just tribute to his many admirable qualities and his peculiar fitness for the station which he held.

We beg you will accept our individual condolence in your bereavement."

Mr. SMITH also made a few appropriate remarks to Mr. TURNER, the Principal of the Assylum, on handing him the Resolutions.

The Boston and Worcester Railroad Company, on learning the errand of the Committee, with their characteristic liberality presented them with a free pass to Springfield and back. The Conductors on the Hartford and Springfield line also passed them over their Road.

